

ATTACHMENT A

Letters to Inform Local City, Counties and Agencies

Panoche/Silver Creek

Coordinated Resource Management and Planning

April 7, 1999

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citizens*

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City of Mendota
Rosemary Ramirez
City Clerk and Administrative Assistant
643 Quince St.
Mendota, CA 93640

Dear Ms Ramirez:

On behalf of the Westside Resource Conservation District and the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed Coordinated Resource Management and Planning (CRMP) program, I am writing to request the City of Mendota consideration and approval of a letter of support for the CALFED funding application.

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Sincerely,



Nettie R. Drake, Coordinator
Panoche/Silver Creek CRMP
29415 Ruth Hill Rd.
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cc: P/SC CRMP Steering Committee

Panoche/Silver Creek

Coordinated Resource Management and Planning

March 29, 1999

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San Benito County
Board of Supervisors
Richard Scagliotti, Chairman
481 Fourth St.
Hollister, CA 95023

Re: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED grant application

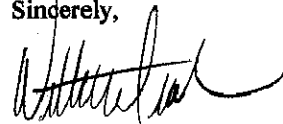
Dear Mr. Scagliotti:

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I am asking for your and the San Benito County Board of Supervisor's support for this application and project. I will be submitting the application by April 13, 1999, to meet the deadline. This grant would enable landowners and land managers in San Benito County to better manage the natural resources on their property to decrease the amount of erosion along Panoche and Silver Creeks, thus increasing the water quality throughout the watershed as well as the wildlife habitat.

Thank you for your support and interest in this project. If you would please forward a letter of support to myself by April 10, 1999, it would be greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the below list numbers if you have any questions.

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Panoche/Silver Creek

Coordinated Resource Management and Planning

March 23, 1999

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San Benito County
Public Works Department
Debra Schwarz
3224 Southside Road
Hollister, CA 95023

Re: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED grant application

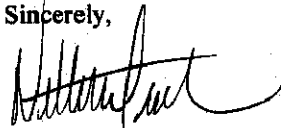
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Panoche/Silver Creek

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April 5, 1999

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The Honorable Sharon Levy,
Chairwoman
Fresno County Board of Supervisors
2281 Tulare St., Room 301
Fresno, CA 93711

Dear Supervisor Levy:

On behalf of the Westside Resource Conservation District and the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed Coordinated Resource Management and Planning (CRMP) program, I am writing to request the Fresno County Board of Supervisors' consideration and approval of a letter of support for the CALFED funding application.

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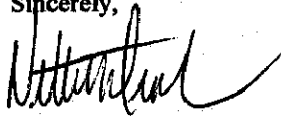
Honorable Supervisor Levy

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April 7, 1999

For more information, I have enclosed the outline of the CALFED application and more information about the history of the CRMP. Thank you for your consideration to this resolution and letter of support.

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Fresno County
Public Works Department
Carolina Jimenez-Hogg, Director
2220 Tulare St., 7th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Ms Jimenez-Hogg:

On behalf of the Westside Resource Conservation District and the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed Coordinated Resource Management and Planning (CRMP) program, I am writing to request the Fresno County Public Works Department consideration and approval of a letter of support for the CALFED funding application.

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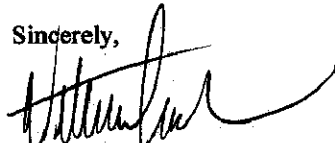
Ms. Carolina Jimenez-Hogg

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nettie R. Drake', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Nettie R. Drake, Coordinator
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cc: P/SC CRMP Steering Committee

ATTACHMENT B

Letters of Support



PANOCHÉ Ginning Company

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FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA 93622

April 9, 1999

Westside Resource Conservation District
Morris A. Martin, Manager
3763 E. Robinson
Fresno, CA 93726-5917

RE: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED grant letter
of support

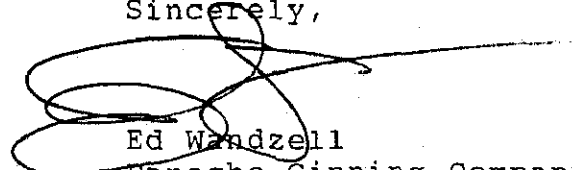
Dear Mr. Martin:

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Silver Creek Coordinated Resource Management and Planning
group and yourself for a letter of support for the CALFED
grant application for the Panoche/Silver Creek Upper
Watershed Plan.

We understand that this project will further evaluate the
feasibility and implementation of projects as identified
in the Sedimentation Study recently completed in the
watershed to address the erosion and sedimentation concerns
within the watershed. Additionally, this project will
address the Selenium and other contaminant loading to the
San Joaquin River and the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

We support this effort and look forward to learning more
in the future about the success of the project.

Sincerely,



Ed Wandzell
Panoche Ginning Company

Blackburn Farming Co.

43940 North Avenue, Firebaugh, Ca 93622 (559) 659-3753 Fax (559) 659-3147

April 6, 1999

Westside Resource Conservation District
Morris A. Martin, Manager
3763 E. Robinson
Fresno, Ca 93726-5917

Re: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED grant letter of support

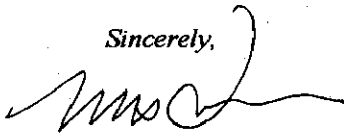
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We understand that this project will further evaluate the feasibility and implementation of projects as identified in the Sedimentation Study recently completed in the watershed to address the erosion and sedimentation concerns within the watershed. Additionally, this project will address the Selenium and other contaminant loading to the San Joaquin River and the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

We support this effort and look forward to learning more in the future about the success of the project.

Sincerely,



Mark H. Turmon
Blackburn Farming Company, Inc.



Vaquero Farms, Inc.

LOUIS B. SOUZA
President

6 APRIL 1999

WESTSIDE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MORRIS A. MARTIN, MANAGER
3763 E. ROBINSON
FRSNO, CA 93726-5917

RE: PANOCHES/SILVER CREEK WATERSHED CAL-FED GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT

DEAR MR. MARTIN;

THIS LETTER IS TO FOLLOW UP A REQUEST FROM THE PANOCHES/SILVER CREEK COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING GROUP AND YOURSELF FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CALFED GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PANOCHES/SILVER CREEK UPPER WATERSHED PLAN.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PROJECT WILL FURTHER EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AS IDENTIFIED IN THE SEDIMENTATION STUDY RECENTLY COMPLETED IN THE WATERSHED TO ADDRESS THE EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONCERNS WITHIN THE WATERSHED. ADDITIONALLY, THIS PROJECT WILL ADDRESS THE SELENIUM AND OTHER CONTAMINANT LOADING TO THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER AND THE BAY DELTA ECOSYSTEM.

WE SUPPORT THIS EFFORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING MORE IN THE FUTURE ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT.

SINCERELY,

LOUIS B. SOUZA



CITY of MENDOTA

April 9, 1999

Morris A. Martin, Manager
Westside Resource Conservation District
3763 E. Robinson
Fresno, Ca. 93726-5917

RE: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED Grant Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Martin:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Mendota, I am writing this letter of support for your CALFED Grant Application for the Panoche/Silver Creek Upper Watershed Plan.

We understand that this project will further evaluate the feasibility and implementation of projects as identified in the Sedimentation Study recently completed in the watershed to address the erosion and sedimentation concerns within the watershed. Additionally, we have been informed that this project will address the Selenium and other contaminant loading to the San Joaquin River and the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

We support this effort and look forward to learning more in the future about the success of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Barnes", is written over a horizontal line.

Bruce Barnes,
Interim City Manager

cc: Mayor Rasmussen & Council members
File

County of

FRESNO**Sharon Levy**
Board of Supervisors

April 14, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow, Director
CALFED Bay Delta Program
1416 9th Street, Suite 155
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED Grant Application


Dear Mr. Snow:

On April 13, 1999 the Fresno County Board of Supervisors took action to support the CALFED grant application for the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed Plan.

According to information provided by the Westside Resource Conservation District, the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed (PSCW) located in the counties of Fresno and San Benito contributes large amounts of selenium by way of erosion, sediment movement and flooding to the alluvial fan, the City of Mendota, the Mendota Pool and the San Joaquin River. This CALFED grant application is requesting funds for pilot projects that address this contamination issue. The projects that would be created include re-vegetation along the creek channel, the creation of vegetation filtration strips to protect the stream channel from further erosion and site evaluations of erosion control structures throughout the watershed to control the water flow. This project provides a tremendous opportunity for the CRMP to pursue projects that will allow for some control over the contamination affecting the Mendota Pool and San Joaquin River.

This letter expresses the County's formal support for the grant application submitted by the Westside Resource Conservation District and the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed Coordinated Resource Management and Planning Program and commends these organizations for their commitments to clean water for the San Joaquin River.

Sincerely,



Sharon Levy, Chairman
Fresno County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Nettie R. Drake, Coordinator - Panoche/Silver Creek CRMP
Morris A. Martin, Manager - Westside Resource Conservation District



COUNTY OF SAN BENITO
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DISTRICT 3

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DISTRICT 4

BOB CRUZ
DISTRICT 5

April 7, 1999

Nettie R. Drake
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Panoche/Silver Creek CRMP
29415 Ruth Hill Road
Squaw Valley, CA 93675

Dear Ms. Drake:

At the April 6, 1999 San Benito County Board of Supervisor Meeting the board unanimously voted to support your application for a CALFED grant to develop an upper watershed land management plan, from the confluence of Panoche and Silver Creeks to the top of the Diablo ridge. We commend the work done by the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed Coordinated Resource Management Planning team.

Thank you for your efforts which will enable landowners in San Benito County to better manage the natural resources on their property to decrease the amount of erosion along Panoche and Silver Creeks.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Scagliotti
by: Linda Churchill, Deputy Clerk

Richard V. Scagliotti, Chairman
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

cc: Charles McCullough
rs/lc
correspo/drake doc.



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HOLLISTER, CA 95023-9174
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**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

April 8, 1998

Westside Resource Conservation District
Morris A. Martin, Manager
3763 E. Robinson
Fresno, CA 93726-5917

Re: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED grant letter of support

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is to follow up a request from the Panoche/Silver Creek Coordinated Resource Management and Planning group and yourself for a letter of support for the CALFED grant application for the Panoche/Silver Creek Upper Watershed Plan.

We understand that this project will further evaluate the feasibility and possibility for implementation of projects addressing erosion and sedimentation concerns within the watershed. These concerns were identified in the recently completed Sedimentation Study. Additionally, this project will address Selenium and other contaminant loading (Mercury?) to the San Joaquin River and the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

We support this effort and look forward to learning more in the future about the outcome of the project.

Sincerely,

Rob Mendiola
Director of Planning
County of San Benito

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4/9/99

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WASHINGTON, DC 20515-0520
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

April 15, 1999

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
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AND SPECIALTY CROPS
RESOURCES COMMITTEE
WATER AND POWER RESOURCES
RANKING MEMBER
ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

Mr. Morris A. Martin
Manager
Westside Resource Conservation District
3873 E. Robinson
Fresno, California 93726-5917

Dear Morris:

Re: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED Grant

This letter is in follow up to your request and also the request of the Panoche/Silver Creek Coordinated Resource Management and Planning Group for a letter of support for the CALFED grant application for the Panoche/Silver Creek Upper Watershed Plan.

It is my understanding that this project will further evaluate the feasibility and implementation of the projects identified in the Sedimentation Study recently completed to address the erosion and sedimentation concerns within the watershed. Additionally, this project will address the selenium and other contaminants to the San Joaquin River and the Bay-Delta eco-system.

I support this effort and look forward to learning more in the future about the success of the project.

Sincerely,

Cal Dooley
CALVIN DOOLEY
Member of Congress

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California State Senate

SENATOR
BRUCE MCPHERSON
FIFTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



STANDING COMMITTEES
OF THE SENATE

EDUCATION VICE CHAIR
APPROPRIATIONS
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
REVENUE & TAXATION

April 8, 1999

The Honorable Richard Polanco
Chairman, Senate Budget Subcommittee 4
State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator *Polanco*:

I am writing in support of a budget request item being presented by Panoche/Silver Creek Coordinated Resource Management and Planning (CRMP).

The funds appropriated for this item would be used by CRMP to develop an upper watershed land management plan, from the convergence of Panoche and Silver Creeks to the top of the Diablo ridge. The landowners and land managers in San Benito County require a development plan in order to better manage the natural resources on their property to decrease the amount of erosion along Panoche and Silver Creeks. Additionally, the plan will increase the water quality throughout the watershed as well as the wildlife habitat.

The CRMP is a worthwhile plan and very useful to the residents of San Benito County. As such, I encourage the support of this item for approval by my colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce".

Bruce McPherson
State Senator, District 15

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California State Senate

SENATOR
JIM COSTA
SIXTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEES
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE & WATER
RESOURCES

MEMBER
FINANCE, INVESTMENT &
INTERNATIONAL TRADE
HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
TRANSPORTATION
CALIFORNIA WORLD
TRADE COMMISSION

April 5, 1999

Mr. Morris A. Martin
Manager, Westside Resource Conservation District
3763 East Robinson
Fresno, California 93726-5917

Dear Mr. Martin:


Please accept this letter indicating my support of a \$500,000 CALFED grant proposal put forth by the Panoche/Silver Creek Coordinated Resource Management Project (CRMP).

The Panoche/Silver Creek CRMP has done extensive research in conjunction with the McCulley, Frick, Gillman Inc. engineering firm, and recently finished a Sedimentation Study outlining the sources of erosion and sedimentation. The CALFED grant would be used to fund evaluations of projects designed to alleviate the erosion dilemma and excess Selenium and other contaminant loading into the San Joaquin River and Bay-Delta ecosystems.

It is my hope that you give this application thoughtful consideration. The Panoche/Silver Creek CRMP has worked with me and my office on possible solutions to the Westside's reoccurring flood problems. It is my belief that they are a productive and thoughtful organization dedicated to meeting the needs of citizens and land owners in the surrounding area.

As always, if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at my office.

Sincerely,


JIM COSTA
Member of the Senate
Sixteenth District

JC:klc

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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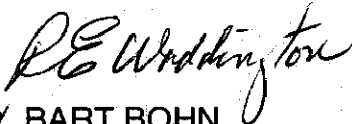
Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is in response to a request from the Panoche/Silver Creek Coordinated Resource Management and Planning group (CRMP) for a letter of support for the CALFED grant application for the Panoche/Silver Creek Upper Watershed Plan.

We understand that this CALFED application is to provide funding for pilot projects that address contamination, erosion, and sediment issues prevalent in the Panoche/Silver Creek watershed. The funds from this grant application will be applied to the development and implementation of projects to decrease erosion, sediment and selenium contamination. A monitoring program is to be developed to assess the success of the projects and apply adaptive management techniques to the Watershed Action Plan.

We support this effort and look forward to the success of the project.

Sincerely,


for BART BOHN
District Director
District 6



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Westside Resource Conservation District
Morris A. Martin, Manager
3763 E. Robinson
Fresno, CA 93726-5917

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is to follow up on a request from the Panoche/Silver Creek Coordinated Resource Management and Planning group and yourself for a letter of support for the CALFED grant application for the development of a Panoche/Silver Creek Upper Watershed Plan.

We understand that this project will further evaluate the feasibility and implementation of projects as identified in the Sedimentation Study recently completed in the watershed to address the erosion and sedimentation concerns in the watershed.

Thank you for informing us of this project and we look forward to learning more in the future about the success of the project.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Beehler
Field Office Manager

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT
3374 EAST SHIELDS AVENUE
FRESNO, CA 93726-6913



April 6, 1999

Mr. Morris A. Martin, Manager
Westside Resource Conservation
District
3763 East Robinson
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Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter follows a request from the Panoche/Silver Creek Coordinated Resource Management and Planning group and yourself for a letter of support for the CALFED grant application for the Panoche/Silver Creek Upper Watershed Plan.

We understand that this project will further evaluate the feasibility and support implementation of projects identified in the recently completed study that addressed erosion and sedimentation concerns in the watershed. Additionally, this project should lead to a reduction of selenium and other contaminant loadings in the San Joaquin River and the Bay-Delta ecosystem. Because we believe that these benefits will be significant, we would like to express our support for your grant application.

Thank you for informing us of this project. We look forward to future updates.

Sincerely,


Louis A. Beck, Chief
San Joaquin District

cc: Mrs. Nettie Drake
29415 Ruth Hill Road
Squaw Valley, California 93675



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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

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Subject: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED Grant Letter of Support

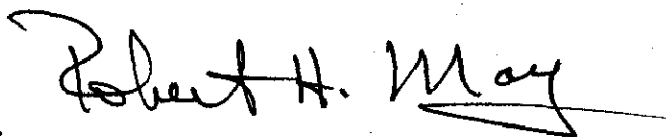
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We understand that this project will further evaluate the feasibility and implementation of projects as identified in the Sedimentation Study recently completed in the watershed to address the erosion and sedimentation concerns within the watershed. Additionally, this project will address the Selenium and other contaminant loading to the San Joaquin River and the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

We support this effort and look forward to learning more in the future about the success of the project. If you have any questions please call me at (559) 487-5286 or for the hearing impaired (TDD) at (559) 487-5933.

Sincerely,


For William H. Luce, Jr.
Area Manager
South-Central California Area Office



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Date: April 12, 1999

Mr. Morris A. Martin
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RE: CALFED Grant Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Martin,

We are in support of the Panoche/Silver Creek Coordinated Resource Management Planning Group (CRMP) CALFED grant application.

The Panoche/Silver Creek CRMP has been working to reduce the erosion and sedimentation within the watershed. Selenium and other contaminants from this watershed impact the San Joaquin River and the Bay Delta ecosystem. In September of 1998, the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed Assessment Report was completed.

A CALFED grant is needed to further the feasibility and implementation of Best Management Practices and projects identified in the above report.

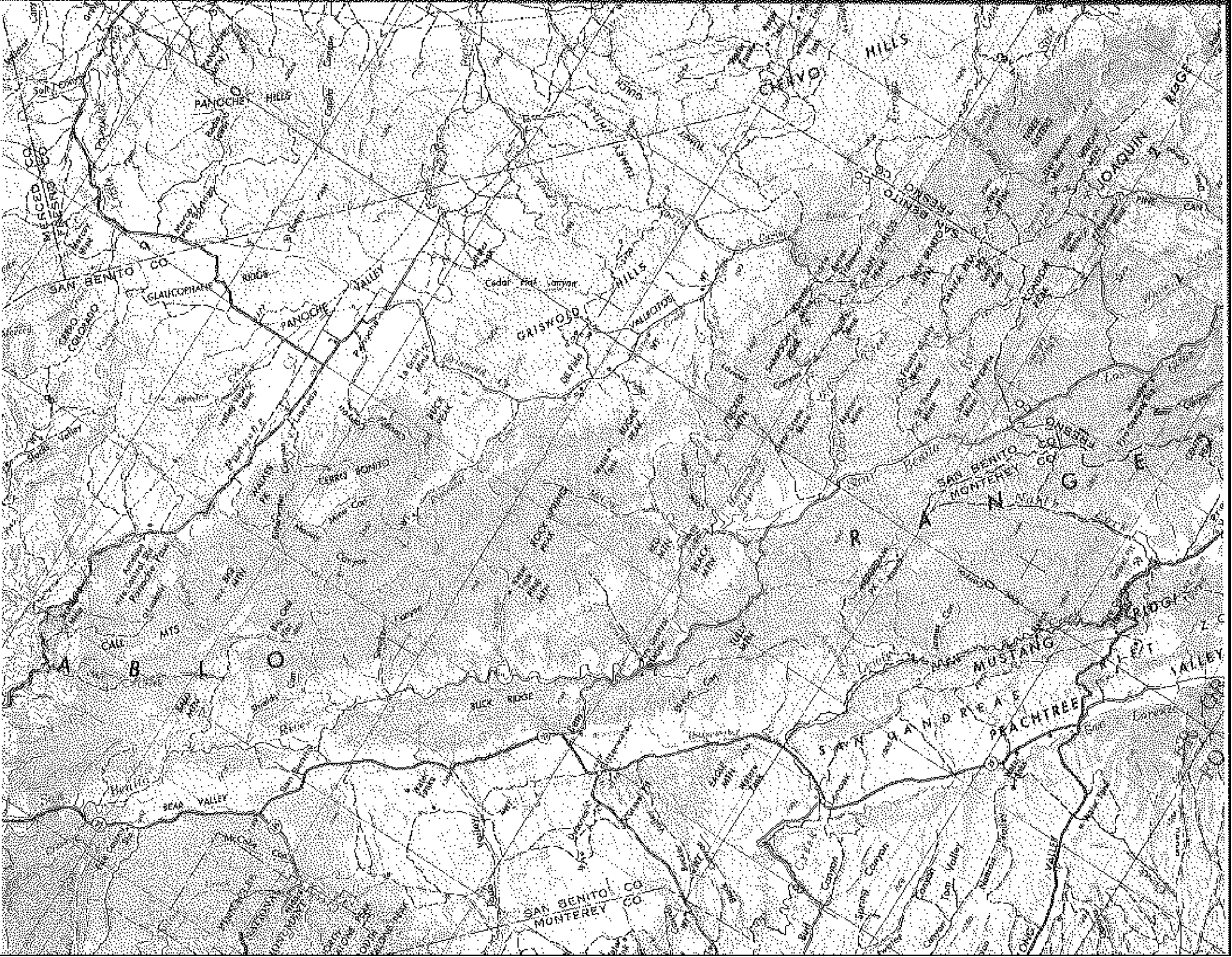
We support the P/SC CRMP efforts to obtain a CALFED grant and look forward to working with you in the near future.

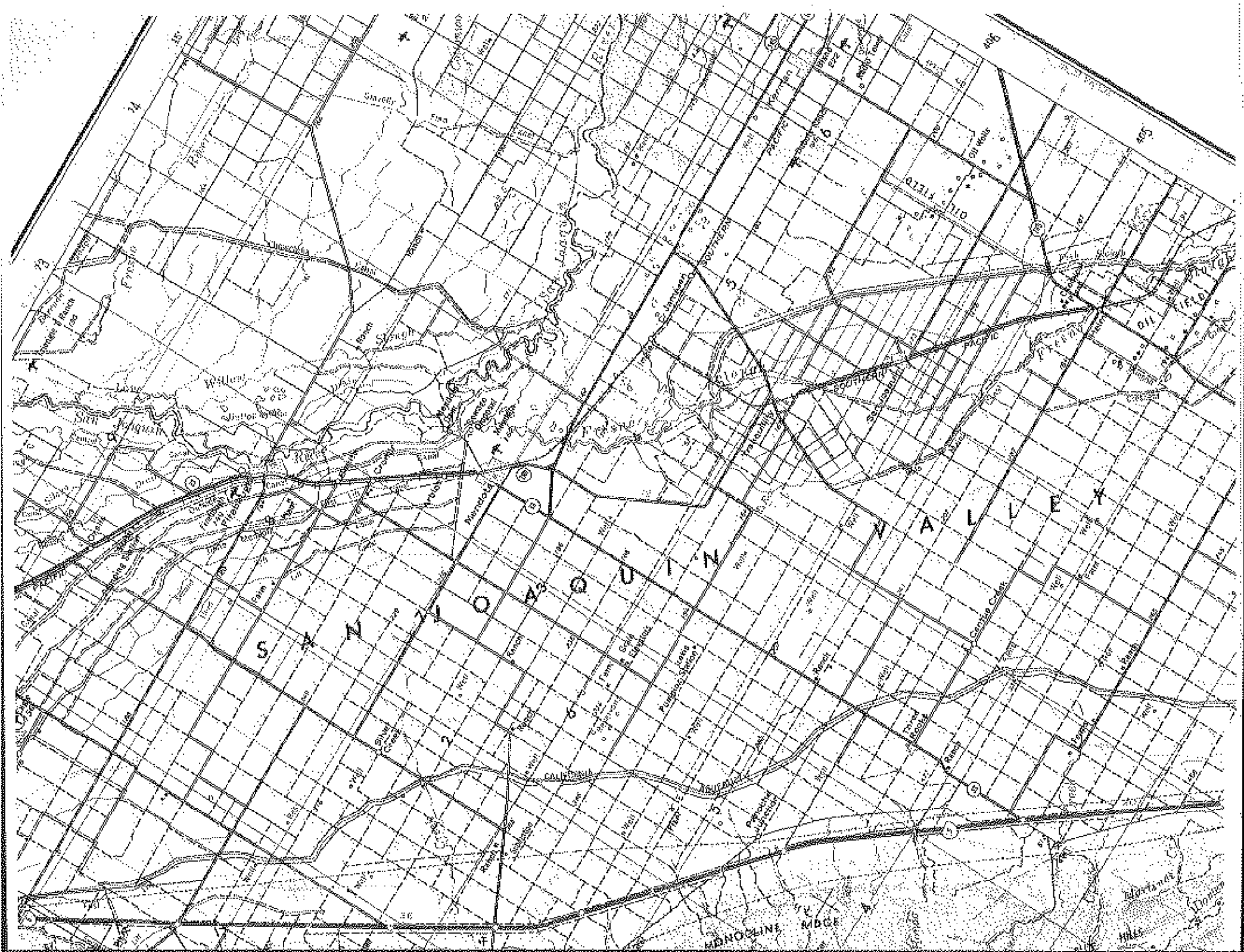
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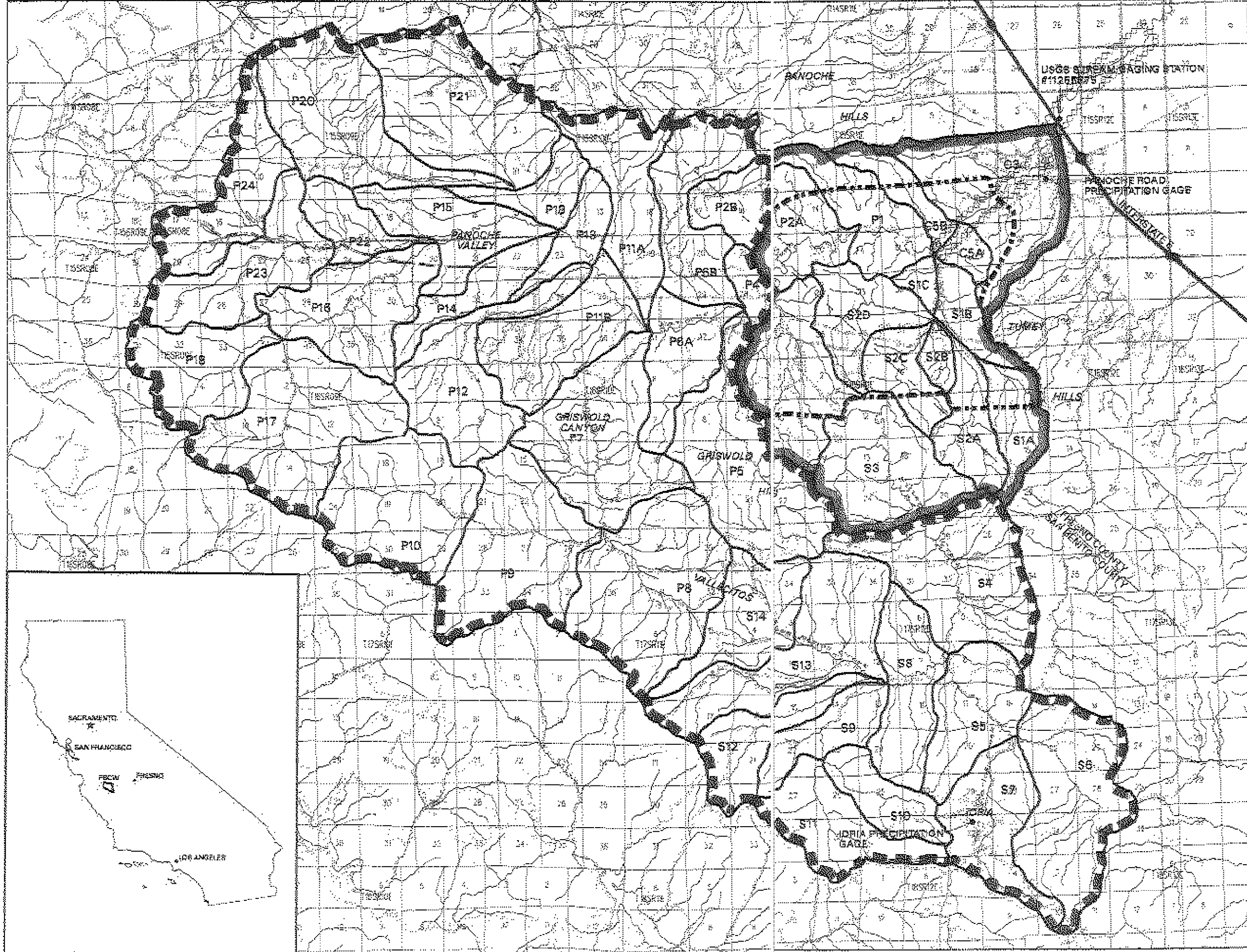
Frank Menezes
District Conservationist

ATTACHMENT C

Maps







EXPLANATION

- PRIMARY ROAD
- SECTION BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- STREAM, RIVER OR CANAL
- UPPER WATERSHED AREA
- LOWER WATERSHED AREA
- STUDY AREA BOUNDARY
- CHANNEL INCISION AREA
- S2B HYDROLOGIC SUB-BASIN
- "P" DESIGNATION INDICATES SUB-BASIN WITHIN PANOCHÉ CREEK DRAINAGE, UPSTREAM OF CONFLUENCE
- "C" DESIGNATION INDICATES SUB-BASIN DOWNSTREAM OF CONFLUENCE
- "S" DESIGNATION INDICATES SUB-BASIN WITHIN SILVER CREEK DRAINAGE

NOTES:
1. BASE MAP OBTAINED FROM U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



PANOCHÉ/SILVER CREEK WATERSHED ASSESSMENT

FIGURE 1
WATERSHED SUBDIVISIONS AND HYDROLOGIC SUB-BASINS

ATTACHMENT D

Tables

TABLE 1. MONITORING AND DATA COLLECTION INFORMATION

Hypothesis/Question to be Evaluated	Monitoring Parameter(s) and Data Collection Approach	Data Evaluation Approach	Comments/Data Priority
How substantial are the contributions of sediment and selenium from the Panoche/Silver Creek confluence area and Silver Creek Drainage during rainfall/runoff events of various depths, durations, and intensities?	<p>Continuous: Real-time precipitation, stream gaging/flow, and soil moisture readings at telemetered sites</p> <p>Two to three events per year: Actual storm-event sediment and selenium sampling of streamflow</p>	Characterization of watershed hydrology and selenium movement during runoff events through watershed model simulations along with sediment and selenium loading calculations for potential source areas and the watershed as a whole.	High priority data to provide actual data for definitive watershed evaluation of sediment and selenium runoff-event sources, as monitored in streamflow at selected upper watershed locations.
To what extent is the Panoche/Silver Creek confluence area stream channel, and associated terraces, a large on-going source of sediment and (possibly) selenium?	<p>Annually: Stream channel cross-section surveys, along with a limited amount of selenium source sampling for soils in areas highly vulnerable to erosion</p>	Additional on-going characterization of depositional, scour, redistribution, and bank instability areas to determine areas of largest sediment and selenium sources in the erodible stream channel/bank areas.	Moderate to high priority data for additional characterization of potential sediment and selenium source areas for the potential for contribution to long-term stream loading.
How effective are a variety of management BMPs, in various settings of the PSCW, for reduction of runoff and contaminant loading locally and in the San Joaquin River system?	<p>Two to three times per year: Vegetation/ground percent cover transect measurements; grazing use and intensity field reviews; soil movement and erosion estimation/measurement; and integrity, durability, and performance of BMP structures visual and photo point observations</p>	Review of the performance of BMPs for maintenance of acceptable landscape conditions, runoff reduction, and erosion control. Application of a field BMP model to evaluate performance of applicable BMPs over the long term. Also, development of a watershed BMP model for assessing the potential effects of BMP implementation on downstream (San Joaquin River) water quality.	High priority data for evaluation of BMP performance and development of the Watershed Action Plan.

TABLE 2. TOTAL BUDGET

Task	Direct Labor Hours	Direct Salary and Benefits	Service Contracts	Material and Acquisition Costs	Misc. and other Direct Costs	Overhead and Indirect Costs	Total Budget
Task 1	920	\$45,900	\$112,000	\$0	\$2,625	\$11,475	\$172,000
Task 2	16	\$648	\$35,600	\$3,440	\$150	\$162	\$40,000
Task 3	100	\$4,860	\$105,000	\$68,400	\$525	\$1,215	\$180,000
Task 4	130	\$6,480	\$304,000	\$6,900	\$1,000	\$1,620	\$320,000
Task 5	32	\$1,620	\$74,000	\$1,675	\$300	\$405	\$78,000
Task 6	32	\$1,620	\$55,000	\$675	\$300	\$405	\$58,000

TABLE 3. QUARTERLY BUDGET

Task	Quarterly Budget	Quarterly Budget	Quarterly Budget	Quarterly Budget	Total Budget
YEAR 1	Oct-Dec99	Jan-Mar00	Apr-Jun00	Jul-Sep00	
Task 1	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$60,000
Task 2	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Task 3	\$55,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$180,000
Task 4	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$120,000
Task 5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Task 6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$132,000	\$72,000	\$103,000	\$93,000	\$400,000
YEAR 2	Oct-Dec00	Jan-Mar01	Apr-Jun01	Jul-Sep01	
Task 1	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$56,000
Task 2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Task 3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Task 4	\$0	\$15,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$100,000
Task 5	\$7,600	\$15,700	\$15,700	\$0	\$39,000
Task 6	\$0	\$0	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$21,000
Total	\$22,600	\$45,700	\$79,200	\$68,500	\$216,000
YEAR 3	Oct-Dec01	Jan-Mar02	Apr-Jun02	Jul-Sep02	
Task 1	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$56,000
Task 2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Task 3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Task 4	\$0	\$15,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$100,000
Task 5	\$7,600	\$15,700	\$15,700	\$0	\$39,000
Task 6	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$10,500	\$15,500	\$37,000
Total	\$28,100	\$51,200	\$79,200	\$73,500	\$232,000

TABLE 4. SCHEDULE

Task	Task Description	Activity	Start Date	Completion Date
Task 1	Project management	Project management	Oct99	Sep02
Task 2	Program startup	Startup	Oct99	Dec99
Task 3	BMP setup	Conceptual design	Oct99	Mar00
		Test area selection	Oct99	Sep00
		BMP test installation	Dec99	Sep00
Task 4	Monitoring	Precip gage rehab	Oct99	Nov99
		BMP modeling	Jan00	Sep01
		Storm event sampling - yr 1	Jan00	Apr00
		Storm event sampling - yr 2	Jan01	Apr01
		Storm event sampling - yr 3	Jan02	Apr02
		Channel measurements	May00	Aug02
		BMP performance	Mar00	Jun02
Task 5	Data evaluation	Data evaluation	Oct00	Jun02
Task 6	Action plan development	Action plan development	Apr01	Sep02